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NOTE

SUBJECT Letter handed to Mr. Patrascanu regarding United States Government's desire to see Rumania break relations with Japan.

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For the original paper from which reference is taken

See Tel.#3492
(Despatch, telegram, instruction, letter, etc.)

Dated September 14,1944 From U.S.S.R.
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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

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London

Dated October 26, 1944

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GENERAL CONSULTANT TO THE SECRETARY NOV 22 1944 MR. SAVAGE

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Secretary of State

Washington

9211, October 26, noon.

A Foreign Office official made the following remarks on Rumanian affairs:

The British are extremely annoyed at the Rumanian Government for paying no attention to the notes presented by the British and American Ambassadors in Russia to the Rumanians immediately after the armistice with Rumania was signed requesting that the Rumanian Government break off relations with Japan. Le Rougetel on October 23 told the Rumanian Foreign Minister that the British Government expected an early and favorable reply to this request. Buzesti tried to prevaricate and blame the Russians, stating that they did not want Rumania to break off relations with Japan. Le Rougetel said that he could not agree with this statement and repeated to the Minister his request for an early response.

The Rumanian

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The Rumanian Government is spineless. Rumanian officials are constantly complaining to the British in Bucharest about the bad behavior of the Russians, but the Rumanian Government has shown little initiative or foresight in the matter of dismissing officials who collaborated with the Nazis. Neither Bratianu nor Maniu has shown any qualities of leadership in the present government, and the formation of a new government is imminent and inevitable.

The British military authorities in Rumania enjoy close and good relations with the Soviet military authorities.

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Moscow via Army

Dated October 27, 1944

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

4119, October 27, 8 p.m.

The British Ambassador has addressed a note to Molotov dated October 26 stating in effect that he had been instructed to inform the Soviet Government that the British political representative in Bucharest had failed thus far to secure a rupture of relations between Rumania and Japan. The note continued that in the circumstances the British Government which attached importance to immediate settlement of this question had instructed its representative in Rumania to inform the Minister or Foreign Affairs that the letter which Clark Kerr wrote to Patrascabu on September 13 concerning the rupture of relations was written with the prior knowledge of the Soviet Government; and that the British Government was at loss to understand the delay in receiving a satisfactory reply. Sent Department repeated to Caserta. The note explained that the British representative had also been instructed

to state that

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to state that his Government expected immediate satisfaction that it was unable to accept any further excuses and that the American and Soviet Governments were being kept informed of developments.

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GENERAL CONSULTANT
TO THE SECRETARY
NOV 10 1944
MR. SAVAGE

As the State Department are aware, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and the United States Ambassador in Moscow sent similar letters on September 13th, 1944 to M. Patrascanu, the head of the Roumanian Armistice Delegation, whilst he was in Moscow, indicating that His Majesty's Government and the United States Government expected the Roumanian Government to take immediate steps to break off all relations with Japan. In conversation with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr about this time M. Patrascanu said that he had already referred this question to his Government in Bucharest and that, although he took it for granted they would agree, he was not authorized to reply officially until he had received instructions.

2. M. Patrascanu acknowledged Sir A. Clark Kerr's letter on September 14th saying that he had put the matter to his Government but he received no reply before his departure from Moscow. Mr. Le Rougetel, the British Political representative in Roumania, was therefore instructed by the Foreign Office to press the Roumanian Government for an answer upon his arrival in Bucharest.

3. On October 6th Mr. Le Rougetel had an interview with the Roumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs in which the latter said that for his part he entirely agreed that Roumania should break off relations with Japan. He hoped a decision would be reached in the course of the next few days but said that the matter would have to be

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considered by the Council of Ministers whose whole attention had recently been concentrated on the Cabinet crisis.

4. Having received no further reply Mr. Le Rougetel reverted to the subject on October 20th. On this occasion the Roumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs said that M. Patrascanu at one time favoured the rupture of relations with Japan but had changed his mind as a result of an exchange of views with the Soviet authorities shortly before his departure from Moscow, and was now definitely opposed to it. The National Peasant and Liberal Ministers on the other hand were all quite prepared to break off relations. The Roumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs added that he thought the present moment was not a good one for raising an issue of this kind, and expressed the hope that His Majesty's Government would not press for an immediate decision.

5. Mr. Le Rougetel was instructed to speak again with M. Buzesti and to say that Sir A. Clark Kerr's letter to M. Patrascanu was sent with the prior knowledge and agreement of the Soviet Government; that it was presented to M. Patrascanu on September 13th; and that His Majesty's Government are at a loss to understand the delay which has occurred in receiving a satisfactory reply. In conclusion Mr. Le Rougetel was to state that His Majesty's Government expect to receive immediate satisfaction and are unable to accept the excuses given by M. Buzesti in his conversation with Mr. Le Rougetel on October 20th. Mr. Le Rougetel was to add that His Majesty's Government were keeping both the United States and Soviet Governments informed.

6. Mr. Le Rougetel has now reported that he has

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seen M. Buzesti and has made it perfectly clear that His Majesty's Government require an immediate decision. The announcement of the formation of a new Government was expected by October 30th, and Mr. Le Rougetel received an assurance from M. Buzesti that the question of Roumania's breaking off relations with Japan would be decided at the first session of the new Council of Ministers. M. Buzesti told Mr. Le Rougetel that if he were a member of the Government he would be prepared to resign on this issue.

7. The above information is also being communicated to the Soviet Government.

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
November 1, 1944.

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GENERAL CONSULTANT TO THE SECRETARY NOV 8 1944 MR. SAVAGE

Secretary of State,

Washington.

U.S. URGENT

9492, November 2, 6 p.m.

The Foreign Office today told us that the Rumanian Government had agreed to break off relations with Japan. This decision has not yet been published but the British will press the Rumanians to make it public.

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Caserta

Dated November 2, 1944

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

US URGENT

1103, November 2, midnight

Melbourne has reported from Bucharest that Lerougetel stated on October 31 with some satisfaction that he had received assurances from Rumanian Foreign Minister that his Government would break off diplomatic relations with Japan. Lerougetel added that he had been obliged to bring great deal of pressure to bear in order to accomplish this in view of Rumanian fear that this action would not be approved by Soviet authorities (Japanese officials in Bucharest are still functioning but according to Lerougetel remain in background.

We have learned from OSS source that Rumanian council of ministers on October 30 adopted resolution to break diplomatic relations with Japan and this

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and this will be announced officially as soon as Soviet authorities have been notified (OSS in Bucharest was informed that Rumanian Government decided to take this action on strength of British note which Lerougetel presented)

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Moscow via Army

Dated November 9, 1944

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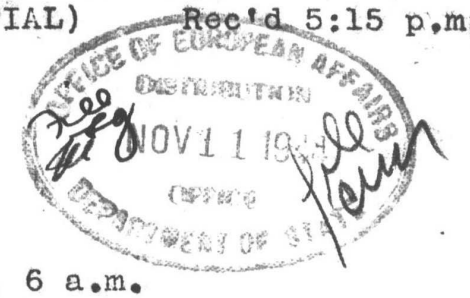

Secretary of State,

Washington.

4290, November 9, 6 a.m.

On October 27 the British Ambassador informed Molotov that the British political representative in Rumania, who had thus far failed to secure a rupture in Rumanian Japanese relations, had been instructed to inform the Rumanian Foreign Minister that the letter Clark Kerr had sent to Patrascanu on September 13 regarding the rupture in relations was written with the prior knowledge of the United States Government and that the British Government failed to understand the delay. (REEMBS 3492, September 14, 7 p.m.) Clark Kerr's note also stated that the British representative had been instructed to state that the British Government expected immediate satisfaction in the matter, that it would be unable to accept any further excuses and that the United States and Soviet Governments were being kept informed of developments.

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The British Ambassador received an acknowledgement from Molotov dated October 31. Molotov referred to Clark Kerr's statement that the Soviet Government was previously informed of the letter to Patrascanu and continued "I must remind you that the possibility of a reference to the Soviet Government had not (repeat not) been agreed upon between us and that I stated at the time that this question was the affair of the British Government."

In view of the Soviet reaction to Clark Kerr's note I had a feeling it might be better not to inform the Soviet Government specifically of my letter to Stoznov (Department's 2572, October 31, 6 p.m. and Embassy's 4147, October 30, 11 a.m.). Molotov was in the room when the letter was handed to Saaicov, and I am sure he was aware of its delivery. Although nothing to this effect has been made known here, today's press states that Bulgaria has already broken with Japan.

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If Rumania has not already broken with Japan or indicated that it would do so in the immediate future, I suggest Bedry be instructed to take up this question in Bucharest.

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Dated November 9, 1944

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Secretary of State,

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-2- [illegible], November 9, [illegible] p.m.

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Moscow via War

Dated November 10, 1944

Rec'd 2:50 a.m., 11th

Secretary of State,

Washington.

4312, November 10, 6 p.m.

The British Ambassador has informed me that the British representative in Bucharest reported on November 2 (REEMBS 4290, November 9, 6 p.m.) that Rumania had broken off relations with Japan (sent to Department, repeated to AMPOLAD Caserta as No. 24 for his information and for transmission to Bucharest). I would appreciate confirmation of this report.

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Moscow

Dated November 10, 1944

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

4312, November 10, 6 p.m.

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AMEMBASSY,

MOSCOW (RUSSIA).

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Berry has informed the Department from Bucharest that on October 31 the Rumanian Foreign Office informed Japanese chargé of rupture of diplomatic relations as of that day (REURTEL 4312 November 10, REDEPTEL 2717, November 22). Break in relations was announced on November 2 in Bucharest press.

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Although the Department has not been directly informed from Bucharest or elsewhere of a Rumanian break with Japan (REEMBS 4812/November 10), there seems little doubt that diplomatic relations have been broken. Both Melbourne in Bucharest and the British Foreign Office informed us on November 2 that the Rumanian Government had as a result of strong British representations agreed to break with Japan. OSS reported from Bucharest that the Rumanian Council of Ministers took decision on October 30 to break relations but held up public announcement of it until Soviet authorities should have been notified. On the same day the official Rumanian radio announced the break, and it was announced by the Tokyo radio on November ~~4~~ 4. Melbourne reported from Bucharest on November 8 that, QUOTE since Rumania broke relations with Japan, Rumanian Foreign Office has informed an OSS representative that there was a total of 14 Japanese nationals in the country and it was the Government's intention to gather them in Bucharest at once and to hold them under close supervision pending an exchange for Rumanian officials in Far East UNQUOTE. The Department has instructed Berry to propose to the Rumanian Government that they be turned over to the United States for custody.

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We are asking Bucharest for official confirmation of the break.

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SUBJECT Message regarding Rumanian Government's diplomatic relations with Japan.

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January 25, 1940.

Summary of Despatch no. 377, from Legation at Sofia, dated December 16,1939.

Subject: The Prime Minister's Statement to the Press on Foreign Affairs

M. Kiosseivanoff, contrary to his custom has made statements on foreign affairs to various foreign journalists visiting Sofia including Jules Sauerwein.

In the interview given to Paris-Soir the Prime Minister declared publicly for the first time that Bulgaria hopes to recover her boundaries of 1913 by peaceful negotiations.

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